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YOU CAN BE PART
OF THIS STORY OF
FAITH AND COURAGE

The 30 million people who will visit the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition in 1958 will see one striking pavilion born of faith and courage.

Belgium's tiny Protestant minority was inspired to present to the world a portrayal of the history, the beliefs, and the work of Protestantism. On faith alone, they secured space at the very heart of the fair grounds. On faith, and with infinite courage, they drew up plans for a Protestant Pavilion featuring an ecumenical exhibit. Though modest in size, the worship center and exhibition hall will draw visitors from throughout the world.

Devoted men and women of many different church backgrounds and from many different countries have been inspired by this act. Funds are being raised in many lands to justify and support such courageous determination.

We hope that here in our country thousands will make generous donations to build the structure which will tell the story of "The New Humanity in the Light of Jesus Christ". And contributors are gratified to know that the pavilion will have a permanent use after the Fair as an ecumenical meeting center for international church groups.

Protestants in America will want to aid in the great project. A campaign is underway for \$100,000. For each donation of \$5 or more the donor's name will be listed on the Protestant Witness Roll at the Pavilion.

You can be one of the builders of this venture in faith...this means of creating a fuller and richer understanding of worship, praise, and brotherhood.

Your help is needed now. The building is going forward this very day. Please, therefore, while this letter is in your hands, fill out the contribution slip on the back of the enclosed reprint. Put your donation in the self-addressed envelope. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel

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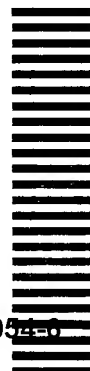
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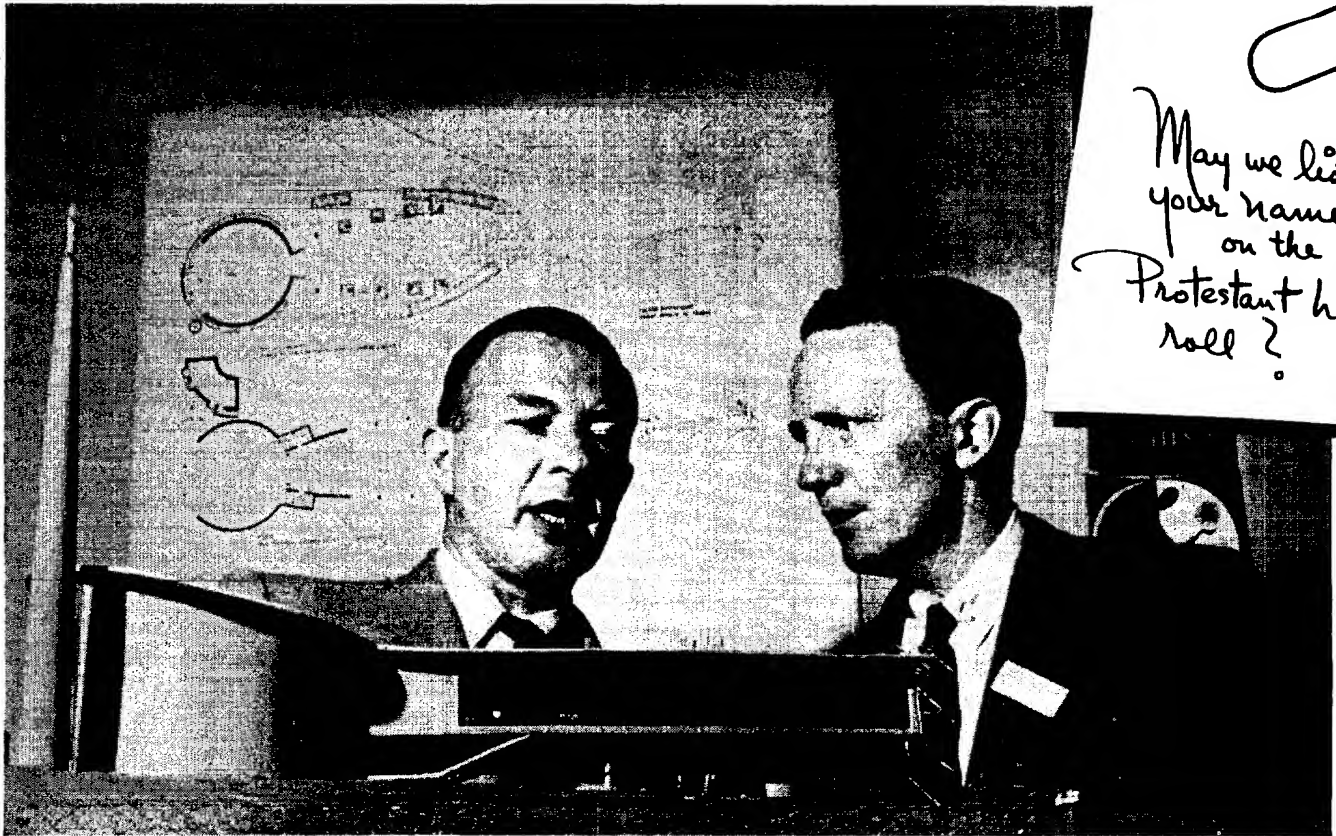
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Protestant Witness
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Pastor Pieter Fagel of Belgium shows model for Protestant exhibit at Brussels World Fair to Dr. Charles Arbuthnot, Presbyterian Church USA representative in Europe. Belgian Protestants, under leadership of Pastor Fagel, have undertaken project "without a penny but with faith," hoping that Protestants around the world will help raise the required \$120,000.

For the Brussels World Fair

A Small Church Serves All of Protestantism

NEXT spring, for the first time since World War II, the nations of the world will put their best feet forward in a mammoth world's fair. The place is Brussels, Belgium, and the fair, officially named the "Brussels Universal and International Exhibition," will be in session from April 17 to October 19, 1958.

The point of this big international hoop-de-la, the first since the New York World's Fair in 1939, will be to emphasize "the nature and destiny of man."

"We aim to bring together people of every nation and every race, of widely different cultures and civilizations, and to make them conscious of their common humanity," says Baron Moens de Fernig, Commissioner General of the Belgian Government for the Exhibition.

According to forecasts, attendance will probably exceed thirty million. That's over 100,000 a day. A 500-acre site with fountains, landscaping, and

flower gardens is being planned to accommodate this vast influx of the world's people.

A great Palace of International Cooperation will house such organizations as the United Nations, U.N.E.S.C.O., F.A.O., the Red Cross, and many others.

The United States will have a multi-million dollar pavilion of plastic and gold-colored steel on a six-and-one-half acre site between the massive exhibits of the Vatican City and the Soviet Union.

The Roman Catholic Church, through the Vatican City, has been working on plans for its vast pavilion, "Civitas Dei" (City of God), since 1954. It will include a chapel seating 2,000 where masses will be held all day long. There will be an auditorium seating 1,500 plus a restaurant for the convenience of fasters.

Planned as it is in tune with the needs of a new age—the World's Fair obviously could not be complete without a Protes-

tant exhibit. And the Protestants will be there, not through the sponsorship of a world organization or any other major church group, but through the faith, love, and work of Belgium's tiny Protestant minority (75,000 in a total population of 8,500,000).

This foresighted group, through the Federation of Protestant Churches of Belgium, and under the leadership of Netherlands Reformed Pastor Pieter Fagel, secured on faith 1,000 square meters in the very center of the grounds, near the 462-foot high "Atomium" symbol of the 1958 Brussels World Exhibition. And the Belgian Protestants are going ahead with their dream with little or no aid from the rest of the world's Protestants.

The Protestant Pavilion will not be large, but it will be beautiful; its theme will be "The New Humanity, as seen in the light of Jesus Christ." It has been

designed by M. Calame-Rosset, a Swiss architect who has lived most of his life in Belgium.

The Protestant center will be mainly of brass and aluminum, in prefabricated form. It will have a circular chapel, which will be a quiet spot for meditation. Here three short services will be held daily in different languages. An exhibition hall will feature various aspects of the life and work of the church in literature, inter-church aid, religious art, liturgy, evangelism, and social work.

After the Brussels Exhibition closes in the fall of 1958, the Protestant Pavilion will be moved to a desirable spot to serve a Belgian community or to become an

ecumenical center for the Belgian Church. Costs of the project will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$120,000.

"The small Belgian churches are making an enormous effort to provide \$20,000. They hope and pray that the more privileged churches in the world will supply the remaining \$100,000," Pastor Fagel said.

Churches and individuals in Germany, Switzerland, and The Netherlands have more than matched the Belgian churches pledge. The United Bible Societies have given support and some money to the project. The World Council of Churches is giving moral support but has no funds

for the center. And, as far as is known, no American church or church organization has yet contributed to this cause.

There are encouraging signs, however, that the great effort being made on behalf of all Protestantism by the Belgians will be recognized with more than words of praise. A group of people has just organized an international committee for the Brussels Exhibition. And church leaders from many parts of the world, intrigued by the possibilities of this Protestant Pavilion after hearing about it at the World Council Central Committee meeting in New Haven, will ask their churches to join in the project when they return to their homes.



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Protestant Witness Roll at the Pavilion.

() Yes, please list my name on the Protestant Witness Roll at the Pavilion.

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